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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIA-JAPAN BILATERAL FISHERY AGREEMENT
EXTENSION

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1. THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS), NOAA, COMMERCE LEARNED FROM RECENT MELBOURNE PRESS REPORTS THAT THE CURRENT AUSTRALIA-JAPAN FISHERY AGREEMENT WILL BE EXTENDED FOR 2 MONTHS, TO JANUARY 26, 1977, TO ALLOW FOR NEGOTIATIONS AFTER JAPAN'S GENERAL ELECTION AND DURING THE NEXT BILATERAL MINISTERIAL MEETING.

2. THE AUSTRALIAN PRESS HAS LINKED THIS FISHERY ISSUE WITH JAPAN'S BEEF IMPORT QUOTA. EMBASSY COMMENT ON THIS LINKAGE IS REQUESTED. INCIDENTALLY, NEW ZEALAND'S RATIONALE FOR PORT TAXES ON ENTRY OF FOREIGN FISHING
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VESSELS WAS EXPLICITLY LINKED TO ACCESS FOR NZ

AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY EXPORTS IN REFTEL.

3. AUSTRALIA HAS ATTEMPTED TO SECURE JAPANESE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN FISHING AND SEAFOOD PROCESSING AS QUID PRO QUO FOR PORT PRIVILEGES. EMBASSY REPORT ON

SPECIFICS OF PRESENT COOPERATION OR ON JAPANESE CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN AUSTRALIA'S FISHING INDUSTRY WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

4. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE ALERT REPORTING ON DETAILS OF AUSTRALIA-JAPAN NEGOTIATION INCLUDING THE TEXT OF THE OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE. KISSINGER

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